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USS Carl Vinson Strike Group to Depart for Training and Deployment

USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) and crewmembers of Carrier Air Wing 17 will depart Naval Air Station North Island Tuesday, Nov. 30 for a training exercise followed by a scheduled routine deployment to the 7th and 5th Fleet areas of responsibility.

As the flagship of Carrier Strike Group 1, led by Rear Adm. Samuel Perez, Vinson will deploy with USS Bunker Hill (CG 52), USS Stockdale (DDG 106) and USS Gridley (DDG 101). Embarked aboard VINSON is Destroyer Squadron 1 and Carrier Air Wing 17, which includes the "Red Lions" of Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron 15, the "Fighting Redcocks" of Strike Fighter Squadron 22, the "Fist of the Fleet" of Strike Fighter Squadron 25, the "Sunliners" of Strike Fighter Squadron 81, the "Rawhides" of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 40, the "Garudas" of Electronic Attack Squadron 134, the "Stingers" of Strike Fighter Squadron 113 and the "Tigertails" of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 125.

This deployment will be the first deployment for the Arleigh Burke class destroyer USS Stockdale.

"This will be Stockdale's maiden deployment," said Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Jeffrey Bennett. "Our team of awesome war fighters are ready to deploy, executing missions across all warfare areas and joining Destroyer Squadron 1 and the Vinson Strike Group team to be prepared to execute a full spectrum of military operations from presence and security to humanitarian assistance and disaster response."

The mission of the Vinson Strike Group while deployed will focus on maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts, which help establish conditions for regional stability.

Media wishing to cover the departure of USS Carl Vinson can embark aboard Vinson for the day as the ship departs San Diego Bay; and be flown back to Naval Air North Island at approximately 4:30 p.m.

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For more information on USS Gridley, visit www.public.navy.mil/surfor/ddg101

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